

SCHIFF HARDIN & WAITE

PATENT DEPARTMENT
6600 SEARS TOWER
233 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

| - | | | | | | • |
|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| In | re | an | nlı | Cal | tion | ot: |
| | | | | | | |

Kutka et al

Serial No.:

09/423,454

GROUP ART UNIT: 2613

Filed:

November 8, 1999

EXAMINER: Allen C. Wong

For:

"METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR

CONFIRMATION NO.: 6761

ENCODING AND DECODING A DIGITIZED..."

AMENDMENT B

RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

MAY 2 7 2003

Technology Center 2600

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| | REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | (6) RATE | (7) ADDITIONA FEE |
|------------------|---|-------|--|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | *26 | MINUS | **26 | x | () X 9.00 () X 18.00 | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | *4 | MINUS | 4 | х | () X 42.00 () X 84.00 | |
| | nended to contain ependent claims paid for. | | | (') YES | () \$140.00 () \$280.00 ONE TIME | |

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5. f the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space

| if the ringhest Number reviously raid for in tring 31 ACE is less than 20 write 20 in this space. |
|---|
| Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated |
| for months so that the period for response is extended to A check in the amount of \$ is |
| attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account |
| No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |
| A check in the amount of \$ is attached. |
| A check for \$ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached |
| A check for \$ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached. |
| The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to |
| account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed. |
| When phoning re this application, please call (312) 258-5779. |
| |

SCHIFF HARDIN & WAITE (Customer Number: 26574)
Patent Department

| BY_ | Mark Bergne | (45,877) |
|-----|-------------|----------|
| _ | | · |

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on May 19, 2003.

| Mark Bergner | |
|------------------------------|--|
| NAME OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY | |
| Mark Bergner | |
| SIGNATURE | |
| May 19, 2003 | |
| DATE | |

Appl. No. 09/423,454 Amdt. dated May 19, 2003

Reply to Office Action of February 19, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT B

APPLICANT:

Robert KUTKA

DOCKET NO:

P99,2301

SERIAL NO.:

09/423,454

ART UNIT:

2613

FILED:

November 8, 1999

EXAMINER:

Allen C. WONG

CONF. NO.:

6761

TITLE:

METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ENCODING AND

DECODING A DIGITIZED IMAGE WITH PICTURE ELEMENTS

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 RECEIVED

MAY 2 7 2003

Technology Center 2600

Dear Sir:

5

In response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2003 ("OA"), please

amend the above-identified application as follows. 10

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

15